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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION ISSUE

1. INDEPENDENCE PARTY DAILY NEWSPAPER MORGUNBLADID CARRIED  
PROMINENT STORY DEC 6, 1973 HEADLINED "NATO COUNCIL URGES ICELAND  
AND US TO SECURE A CONTINUED POSITION FOR THE ALLIANCE HERE IN  
ICELAND." FULL TEXT OF THE ARTICLE FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: YESTERDAY THE PARTNERS OF ICELAND AND THE US IN THE  
NATO COUNCIL AGREED TO URGE THE TWO COUNTRIES TO SECURE THE  
CONTINUED USE OF KEFLAVIK AIRPORT FOR THE ALLIANCE -- ACCORDING  
TO A CABLE THAT MORGUNBLADID HAS RECEIVED FROM AP IN BRUSSELS.  
THE REQUEST OF THE OTHER MEMBERSHIP COUNTRIES ALSO STATES THAT  
THAT KEFLAVIK AIRPORT IS CONSIDERED TO BE A NECESSARY  
LINK FOR SURVEILLANCE OF SOVIET WAR SHIPS AND SUBMARINES THAT  
SAIL UP TO THE US COAST.

THE REQUEST WAS APPROVED IN THE NATO COUNCIL YESTERDAY IN THE  
PRESENCE OF THE AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE DONALD RUMSFELD AND THE  
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ICELANDIC REPRESENTATIVE TOMAS TOMASSON. A NATO SPOKESMAN TOLD

NEWSMEN THAT THE AIM OF THIS REQUEST WAS TO URGE THE TWO COUNTRIES TO WORK OUT AN AGREEMENT THAT WOULD SECURE NATO'S USE OF ITS DEFENSE POSITION IN ICELAND WITH ARRANGEMENTS ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH PARTIES.

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH MORGUNBLADID YESTERDAY FOREIGN MINISTER EINAR AGUSTSSON REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THE REQUEST. HE SAID THAT ICELAND HAD OBVIOUSLY NOT HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS PROPOSAL BECAUSE IT WAS ONE OF THE COUNTRIES IN QUESTION. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT THE NEXT MEETING BETWEEN THE US AND ICELANDIC AUTHORITIES ON THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT WOULD TAKE PLACE IN JANUARY. END QUOTE. IRVING

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